

Bulletin Sentence: 2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing: but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

VBS was a huge success again this year. We had over 125 children registered! A big thank you to all of the volunteers, our set design crew, congregation members who made donations, and the different committees who provided meals each night.

Land of the free, home of the brave. A donation of money has been given to Zion’s Cemetery black top fund. As we celebrate July 4th please consider a donation in memory of our fallen military. Any amount will help keep Zion’s cemetery looking beautiful. The east road will be complete very soon. Zion’s Cemetery Committee.

Church Attendance June 30 & July 1, 2018
Saturday: 57 Sunday: 129

Offerings for June 30 & July 1, 2018 \$9,631.10 (Weekly need is \$11,420.00)

Those serving this week:

Organist: L. Wegener

Altar Guild July: Carol Suchy 989-684-4108

Sat: ELDERS: Herb Leinberger and Dennis Hyatt
USHERS: Bill Gehoski and Cherie, Sully & Sawyer Whalen
Sun: ELDERS: Mark Steih and Dean Kohn
USHERS: Paige, Jason & Morgan Trevillian and Eli Keyser

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Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

July 7 & 8, 2018

Psalms 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

Worship Whys: Why is there another flag besides the US flag in our sanctuary? Last week we took up the topic of the display of the American flag. The flag on the east side of the sanctuary is commonly called the "Christian Flag." This flag also has a relatively short history. It was designed in the early 20th century to represent all of Christendom, and has been most popular among Christian churches in North America, Africa and Latin America. The flag has a white field, with a red Latin cross inside a blue canton. The shade of red on the cross symbolizes the blood Jesus shed on Calvary. The blue represents the waters of baptism as well as the faithfulness of Jesus. The white represents Jesus' purity. In conventional flag symbolism, a white flag is linked to surrender, a reference to the Biblical description of Jesus' non-violence and surrender to God.

The Practice of Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

Our Focus today is on God’s grace. Paul needed God’s power to continue His service to God. He also needed God’s grace and forgiveness. God’s grace was with Paul every day. God’s grace in Jesus is with us every day. God’s grace is sufficient for us today. We are loved by our loving God and live our lives of faith only through God’s amazing grace.

This week at Zion

Sun 08 **Worship w/Communion 9 AM**
Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

Sat 14 **Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM**
Worship 7 PM

Sun 15 **Worship 9 AM**
Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM

Summer office hours Monday-Friday 8-12

Retable Flowers are given in thanksgiving to God for Pastor Menz and Hemme for their shut-in visits.

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *The Lutheran Difference*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Class: On Saturday nights at 5:45 in the sanctuary, the pastors are going through the Small Catechism. On Sunday mornings at 10:15 they are looking at the new explanation of the Catechism.

It's Zion Beaver Night at The Great Lakes Loons Friday, August 3rd at 7:05PM join us for a night of fellowship and baseball! The Loons will be awarding \$1,000 to the non-profit that sells the most tickets on their night. We won in 2016, LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR! Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating or \$15 for reserved seating with a food combo voucher CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO: THE GREAT LAKES LOONS. Sign up forms are located in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, July 22nd we are having a Corn Hole BBQ in the pavillion! We'll be eating pulled pork and having some friendly Corn Hole competition. You can think of it as a warm up for Church Camp! Bring your friends and family and have a good time with your brothers and sisters in Christ. ALSO please RSVP in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

Over the last few years our CGLT giving has diminished. Please continue to give to this fund in addition to your regular offering. If you've not given to CGLT before, please consider doing so.

Please note that there will be limited access to the school from July 9th-13th after 5:30. Floors are being professionally cleaned for our next school year. Please move any meetings to the church. There will be limit access to school during the day.

Summer Children's Church: Children's Church is an opportunity for younger children to hear an age appropriate Bible lesson in the church basement during the sermon time of the Sunday morning worship service. Children are invited to follow the leader to the basement during the hymn before the sermon and they return to worship with their parents at the time of the offering. Children's church allows younger children to continue to learn Bible stories during that time of the year when we do not have Sunday School. If you would like to assist with children's church as a lesson presenter or helper please contact Pastor Hemme. This is an opportunity to use your teaching gifts without a multiple week commitment.

Lutheran Laymen's League Congregation Ambassador: Zion needs a Lutheran Laymen's League Congregation Ambassador to help promote and support the Lutheran Laymen's League and it's Lutheran Hour Ministries in our congregation. This ambassador would also work with other ambassadors in the Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League and attend occasional meetings. Please talk to one of the pastors if you would be interested in volunteering or have any questions.

Valley Lutheran High School is accepting applications for the position of part-time Communications Assistant. This individual will work closely with the Executive Director, Development Director, and Director of Student Recruitment in communicating the School's mission to its constituencies. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is strong in written communication skills, familiar with InDesign and Office software applications, social media, and supportive of the mission of Valley Lutheran High School. The position is for 15 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Interested applicants may send a resume' with cover letter by July 31 to Dr. John Brandt, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw, MI 48603 or by email to (jbrandt@vlhs.com). For more information contact John Brandt (989-790-1676, jbrandt@vlhs.com)

Note from Luanne Vogtmann. My fellow Christian friends at Zion. Thanks to everyone for their prayers & concerns on my behalf for healing after the accident, I was recently in. I am feeling much better and will be home soon. The Lord is with us in all situations and guides us and helps us in all things. He guides us and helps us trust Him in whatever He sends us for our good. I truly believe He wanted me to experience this to be able to be a better witness to my faith. I am experiencing this and it is making me stronger in my faith. God's blessing to all, Luanne.